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CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

SR-6J

CERTIFIED MAIL

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

RE: Master Metals, Inc. Superfund Site
2850 West Third Street, Cleveland, Ohio
General Notice of Potential Liability

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") has documented the release or threat of release of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants into the environment at the former Master Metals, Inc. facility in Cleveland, Ohio and at satellite locations that received trans-shipments from the facility ("Site"). Your company is a potentially responsible party ("PRP") for this Site. U.S. EPA is spending public funds to investigate and control the release of hazardous materials at this Site. We are developing response actions pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. §9601 *et seq.* ("CERCLA"), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-499, 100 Stat. 1613 (1986) (SARA). Before we take more direct action, we are notifying PRPs of the environmental danger, potential liabilities, and alternative remedies of this Site.

The Master Metals Site is in a heavy industrial area at 2850 West Third Street in downtown Cleveland, Ohio. The Cuyahoga River is approximately 1500 feet to the east, a playground and athletic field 1500 feet to the west, and a residential area 2000 feet to the northwest. Master Metals owned the property and operated a secondary lead smelting facility there until the facility discontinued operations pursuant to a 1994 order from the state of Ohio for air quality noncompliance.

U.S. EPA has had prior actions concerning the facility, including a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act consent decree in 1990 and enforcement actions regarding that decree. In partial response to these consent decree violations in 1995, Master Metals submitted a request to withdraw all permits and applications for operation of the facility.

Since the facility ceased operations in 1994, only isolated hazardous materials have been removed. Contamination is wide-spread and uncontained. Security is poor. There is clear evidence at the Site of trespassers, scavengers, and vandals. These conditions pose an imminent and substantial risk to human health and the environment.

U.S. EPA has information making your company a PRP. CERCLA includes as PRPs current and former owners and operators of the facility, persons who generated hazardous substances, and persons who were involved in the transport, treatment, or disposal of the hazardous substances at the facility. Under CERCLA Section 107(a), when U.S. EPA uses public funds for cleaning up hazardous substances, responsible parties are liable for all costs of removal or remedial actions and other necessary expenses incurred as part of these actions, including costs of investigation, planning, and enforcement.

We are enclosing a preliminary list of PRPs. U.S. EPA is still investigating and receiving information about the Site from former owners, PRPs, and others. We may add to or modify this PRP list as more information becomes available. **We urge you to review the PRP list and promptly to contact the designated head of the Master Metals PRP steering committee to be informed of PRP actions and to discuss your participation.** The head of the steering committee is consul for Johnson Controls:

Mr. Dennis Reis
Quarles & Brady
411 East Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 277-5523

Because of the conditions described above, response activities at the Site must be initiated as soon as possible. Therefore, U.S. EPA does not intend to utilize special notice procedures

available under CERCLA Section 122(e). U.S. EPA is assessing removal and remediation needs and developing a response plan. If PRPs do not take prompt and satisfactory action, we will proceed formally in accordance with the authority and requirements of CERCLA to perform a timely response.

U.S. EPA is willing to discuss an administrative consent order under which a PRP(s) would perform or finance response activities and reimburse U.S. EPA for costs already incurred. If parties cannot agree to a consent order, U.S. EPA may issue a unilateral order under Section 106 of CERCLA, requiring PRPs to perform specified work. Under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, you may be liable for reimbursing U.S. EPA's costs, for statutory penalties, and for treble damages for noncompliance with such an order.

Although U.S. EPA is prepared to take such response and legal actions as needed to remove hazardous conditions, we encourage PRP's to discuss a removal by prompt private initiative. In order to relieve the dangers and threats to human health and the environment as quickly as possible, we suggest PRPs consider the following three-phase removal of hazardous waste and materials:

- immediately remove and properly dispose of all waste, debris, and contaminated materials on the Site's surface, and secure the Site from intrusion;
- investigate, sample, and assess for contamination the surface and sub-surface of the Master Metals property, surrounding properties, and the Ogle property satellite area to which Master Metals trans-shipped waste; and
- remove and properly dispose of all soil and materials found to be contaminated from the Master Metals Site, surrounding properties, and the Ogle property.

If PRPs are willing to perform this phased removal, they should provide U.S. EPA with three documents that describe the plan, schedule, methods, and scope of work for each of these phases. We suggest that this response be coordinated with other PRPs, whether through Mr. Reis or otherwise.

In addition, please respond in writing to this letter within ten(10) days of receipt. Include the name, address, and phone

number of person(s) with whom we should further communicate.
Send your reply to:

Mr. Tom Alcamo
U.S. EPA, Region 5
Remedial Response Section SR-6J
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

If you are already involved in discussions with state or local authorities or in a lawsuit regarding this Site, you may continue such activities as you see fit. This letter is not intended to advise or direct you presently to restrict or discontinue such activities. You should, however, report the status of such actions or discussions in your response to this letter and provide a copy of your response to any other parties with whom you are involved.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact Stuart Hersh, U.S. EPA Assistant Regional Counsel at (312) 886-6325. Due to the serious public health, environmental, and legal concerns involving the Master Metals Site, we urge you to give this immediate attention and to submit a timely written response.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy L. Carney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "W" and "C".

Wendy L. Carney, Chief
Remedial Response Branch

bcc: Stu Hersh, CS-29
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Tom Alcamo, SR-6J
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MASTER METALS SUPERFUND SITE PRP LIST

Airfoil Forging
23555 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44117

Alcolac Inc.
P.O. Box 816
Sedalia, MO 65301

Alpha Metals Inc.
600 Route 440
Jersey City, NJ 07304

American National Can Co.
6000 North Teutonia Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53209

American National Can
P.O. Box 61090
New Orleans, LA 70161

American Matsushita Electric Corp.
1400 West Market Street
Troy, OH 45373

American National Can
6017 S. Western Avenue
Chicago, IL 60636

American National Can Co.
111 Parce Avenue
Fairport, NY 14450

American National Can Co.
320 West Main Street
Hoopeston, IL 60942

American National Can Co.
221 South 10th Street
Lemoyne, PA 17043

American National Can Co.
Allen & Palmer Street
Philadelphia, PA 19125

American National Can Co.
755 North Prior Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55104

American National Can
1545 Erie Street
North Kansas City, MO 64116

American National Can Co.
111 Parce Avenue
Fairport, NY 14450

American National Can Co.
4212 East 26th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90023

American National Can
3801 East 8th Street
Oakland, CA 94604

American National Can
Armour Drive
Green Bay, WI 54306

American Plating Inc.
P.O. Box 10
Zelienople, PA 16063

American Spring Wire
26300 Miles Road
Bedford, OH 44146

Anchor Swan
Beale Street
Bucyrus, OH 44820

Anchor Glass Container Corp.
1926 Baldrige Street
Connellsville, PA 15425

Anzon Lead / Anzon Inc.
2545 Aramingo Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19125

Atlantic Battery
546 East 42nd Street
Paterson, NJ 07513

ATR Wire and Cable Company
127 Bypass
Danville, KY 40422
Battery Systems Inc.

490 Crile Road
Washington, PA 15301

Big Four Metals
1101 East 16th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Canal Refining Co. Inc.
P.O. Box 8
Church Point, LA 70525

Central Can Company
3200 South Kilbourn Avenue
Chicago, IL 60623

Continental Can Co.
1320 Hilltop Drive
Itasca, IL 60143

Continental Can Co.
174 Chestnut Street
Mankato, MN 56001

Continental Can Co.
15 Mineral Street
Oil City, PA 16301

Continental Can Co.
70 Race Street
Milton, PA 17847

Continental Can Co.
30 Bergen Turnpike
Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660

Continental Can Co.
900 No. D. Street
Elwood, IN 46036

Continental Can Co.
4133 South 72nd Street
Omaha, NE 68127

Continental Can Co.
501 Pleasantview Drive
Weslaco, TX 78591

Crown Cork & Seal Co. Inc.
4133 South 72nd Street
Omaha, NE 68127

Crown Cork and Seal

930 Beaumont Avenue
Spartanburg, SC 29301

Danny Isbell
Route 3 Box 1394
Pell City, AL 35125

Davies Can Company
30301 Carters Street
Solon, OH 44139

DuPont De Nemours
Chambers Works
Deepwater, NJ 08023

DuPont De Nemours
P.O. Box 787
Niagara falls, NY 14302

DuPont De Nemours & Company
P.O. Box 3269
Beaumont, TX 77704

DuPont Electronics
P.O. Box 13999
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Eastwing Manufacturing
2647 8th Street
Rockford, IL 61109

Eastwood Painting Inc.
821 50th Street
Baltimore, MD 21222

Federated-Fry Metals
4100 6th Avenue
Altoona, PA 16602

Fusion Inc.
4711 Topps Industrial Parkway
Willoughby, OH 44094

General Dynamics
75 Eastern Point Road
Groton, CT 06340

Goodyear Corp. Headquarters
1144 East Market Street
Akron, OH 44316
Gould Inc. Foil Division
35129 Curtis Boulevard

Eastlake, OH 44095

Gould Incorporated
5045 North State Route 60 NWt
McConnelsville, OH 43756

GTI Corporation
Road 2 Box 2096 Route 19
Hadley, PA 16130

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Heekin Can Inc.
Route #4 Box 8
Dandridge, TN 37725

Heekin Can
P.O. Box 124
Clinton, TN 37716

Johnson Controls, Inc.
5400 North Teutonia Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Johnson Controls, Inc.
Road #1 700 North Broad
Middletown, DE 19709

Johnson Controls Inc.
18300 Industrial Road
Holland, OH 43528

Johnson Controls Battery Group
P.O. Box 1002
Winston-Salem, NC 27102

Johnson Controls
Road #1 700 North Broad St.
Middletown, DE 19709

Johnson Controls Incorporated
3200 Fern Valley Road
Louisville, KY 40213

Keystone Resources
Road No. 1
Mars, PA 16044

KW Battery
3555 Howard Street

Skokie, IL 60076

Lenox China
Tilton Road
Pomona, NJ 08240

Master Metals Incorporated
2850 West Third Street
Cleveland, OH 44113

National Smelting & Refining
430 Bishop Street
Atlanta, GA 30318

National Can Company
5620 West 51st Street
Chicago, IL 60638

New York State Trans Agency
3901 Genesee Street
Buffalo, NY 14225

Non-Ferrous Processing Corp.
551 Stewart Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11222

OHM Resource Recov. Corp.
5371 Cook Road
Morrow, GA 30260

OINEG TV Products, Inc.
Road #4 Box 60
Pittston, PA 18640

OINEG TV Products, Inc.
711 Southwood Avenue
Columbus, OH 43207

Philips Display / Philips ECG, Inc.
700 North Pratt Street
Ottawa, OH 45857

Piezokinetics Inc.
P.O. Box 756, Mill Rd & Pine St
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Power Battery
543 East 42nd Street
Paterson, NJ 07513
Rauland Division of Zenith
2407 West North Avenue
Melrose Park, IL 60160

RCA Corporation
24200 U.S. Route 23 South
Circleville, OH 43113

Remington Arms Inc.
I-40 and Highway 15
Lonoke, AR 72086

Samsel Services Company
1948 Carter Road
Cleveland, OH 44113

Seitzinger
900 Ashby Street
Atlanta, GA 30318

Seneca Wire
319 South Vine Street
Fostoria, OH 44830

Sony Mfg. Co. of America
16450 W. Bernardo Street
San Diego, CA 92127

Sperry Corporation
Sperry Road
Bristol, TN 37620

St. George Crystal
Brown Avenue
Jeanette, PA 15644

Starkist Caribe Incorporated
P.O. Box 3690
Mayaguez, PR 00709

Strongheart Products Inc.
P.O. Box 2009
Kansas City, KS 66110

TCE/RCA
24200 US Route 23 South
Circleville, OH 43113

Teknor Apex Company
505 Central Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02862

Tesoro Petroleum Corp.
P.O. Box 418
Carrizo Springs, TX 78834

Toshiba Display Devices
Westinghouse Circle
Horseheads, NY 14845

U.S. Can Company
1717 Gifford
Elgin, IL 60120

U.S. Can Company
100 Stoffel Drive
Tallapoosa, GA 30176

U.S. Can West
5650 East Grace Place
Commerce, CA 90022

U.S. Can Company
Myron & Caroline Streets
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